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QUESTION OF THE VIOLATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOMS, IN ANY PART OF THE WORLD, WITH PARTICULAR REFERENCE TO COLONIAL AND OTHER DEPENDENT COUNTRIES AND TERRITORIES

Situation of human rights in Albania

Report of the Secretary-General submitted pursuant to Commission on Human Rights resolution 1989/69

1. At its forty-fifth session, the Commission on Human Rights adopted, on 8 March 1989, resolution 1989/69 entitled "Situation of human rights in Albania", the operative part of which reads as follows:

"The Commission on Human Rights,

"...

"1. Reminds the Government of Albania of its obligation under the Charter of the United Nations to extend full co-operation to the Commission on Human Rights;

"2. Calls upon the Government of Albania to provide information on the concrete manner in which constitutional and legal measures comply with the provisions of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and to respond to the specific allegations transmitted to it by the Commission's Special Rapporteur on the implementation of the Declaration on the Elimination of All Forms of Intolerance and of Discrimination Based on Religion or Belief;

"3. Requests the Secretary-General:

"(a) To bring the present resolution to the attention of the Government of Albania and to invite it to provide the requested information and co-operation;

"(b) To report to the Commission at its forty-sixth session on the results of his efforts in that regard;

"4. Decides to continue its consideration of the situation of human rights in Albania at its forty-sixth session."

2. In accordance with paragraph 3 (a) of Commission on Human Rights resolution 1989/69, the Secretary-General, on 14 April 1989, addressed a note verbale to the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Socialist People's Republic of Albania, in which he requested, in view of his reporting responsibility under the resolution, to receive any information that the Government might wish to provide on the steps taken or envisaged in the implementation of the relevant provisions of the resolution.

3. On 27 July 1989, the Chargé d'affaires of the Permanent Mission of the Socialist People's Republic of Albania to the United Nations Office at Geneva addressed a letter to the Under-Secretary-General for Human Rights transmitting as an annex a document entitled "The guarantee of freedoms and rights to all citizens in the Socialist People's Republic of Albania". At the request of the Chargé d'affaires, the annex to his letter was circulated as a document of the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities at its forty-first session (E/CN.4/Sub.2/1989/48).

4. On 18 January 1990, the Chargé d'affaires of the Permanent Mission of the Socialist People's Republic of Albania to the United Nations Office at Geneva addressed a letter to the Under-Secretary-General for Human Rights transmitting as an annex a document entitled "The rights of citizens in the Socialist People's Republic of Albania". At the request of the Chargé d'affaires, this letter was circulated as a document of the Commission on Human Rights at its forty-sixth session (E/CN.4/1990/57).

5. It should further be noted that, on 12 July 1989, the Chargé d'affaires of the Permanent Mission of the Socialist People's Republic of Albania to the United Nations addressed a letter to the Secretary-General transmitting excerpts of the greeting of the First Secretary of the Central Committee of the Party of Labour of Albania and President of the Presidium of the People's Assembly of the People's Socialist Republic of Albania at the Sixth Congress of the Democratic Front of Albania, and requested that the text of the letter and its annex be circulated as a document of the General Assembly under items 63, 101 and 143 of the preliminary list, and of the second regular session of 1989 of the Economic and Social Council under agenda item 6 (A/44/395-E/1989/128).

6. Reference is also made to the report presented to the Commission on Human Rights at its forty-sixth session by the Special Rapporteur on the implementation of the Declaration on the Elimination of All Forms of Intolerance and of Discrimination Based on Religion or Belief (E/CN.4/1990/46). Paragraph 26 of the Special Rapporteur's report reflects a reply given on 30 August 1989 by the Chargé d'affaires of the Permanent Mission of the Socialist People's Republic of Albania to the United Nations Office at Geneva to allegations which the Special Rapporteur had transmitted to the Government of Albania by letters dated 29 May 1987 and 21 July 1988.